

## **MEMORANDUM** of Telephone Call

Date:

August 9, 1996

Site:

Daelyte

1354-60 Mt Elliott Detroit, Michigan

Date:

August 8, 1996

From:

Margaret Herring, Civil Investigator

To:

File

Date and Time of Telephone Call. August 7, 1996, 10:30 a.m.

Spoke with:

Allen Sutherland, Deputy Marshal

Eastern District of Michigan

Detroit, Michigan

Telephone: 313 953-1412

Subject of Telephone Call: Description of the Daelyte Site

During the spring, 1995, Al Sutherland accompanied Deputy Marshal Charles Fonseca to the Daelyte site to serve a federal court order requiring that the site owner provide the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MI DNR) and the U.S. EPA access to the site for a RCRA inspection.

Sutherland said that the site is in a run down manufacturing area. There were few residences in the area. The buildings on the site appeared to be unoccupied. In addition to the plant area there was a separate house. A Rottweiler dog was on the premises.

The deputy marshals arrived first and then the MI DNR staffers. A staff member of the Detroit Department of Animal Control was present to handle the dog guarding the premises. The last to arrive at the entrance was an older woman who drove up in an old car. The woman unlocked the gates and corralled the dog.

Sutherland accompanied the woman and the MI DNR staff members into the building. Sutherland said that there were many drums and containers in the building. Many were rusted or corroded. There were fluids on the floor. Sutherland said that the conditions were bad; the containers were arranged in a random fashion.

Sutherland was unable to provide a detailed description of the woman who unlocked the gates and the buildings. She was an older woman, in her 50s or 60s. Her clothes were worn. Her car was old and decrepit.

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Sutherland accompanied Deputy Marshal Charles Fonseca to serve the court order. Fonseca would have more information. Sutherland knew only that Fonseca had worked several months to secure the co-operation of the woman. The woman had not responded to either phone calls or letters. Only when she learned of the court order for entrance to the facility did she respond and agree to meet the deputy marshals at the facility on Mt Elliott.

Deputy Marshal Charles Fonseca is attached to the office of the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan. Telephone: 313 226-9107.

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